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For: Methods for Generating Hypermutable Microbes

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This paper responds to the final Office Action mailed December 23, 2004. Please charge the fee for a third month's extension of time to our Deposit Account No. 19-0733. Applicants previously extended the time for responding until May 23, 2005. We believe no other fee is due to make this filing timely. If any other fee is due, please also charge our Deposit Account.

Claims 1, 6, 7, 16-18, 26, 27, and 71-78 are pending. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of the patentability of the claims.

The following items accompany this amendment:

- Request for Continued Examination; and
- Exhibits A-D.

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